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Recommendations and ProblemsMonthly Reports for July 1959MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

This Division had no recommendations or problems to offer.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISIONChief, GC/E

Analysts working on NIS projects are not consistent in their description of what happens to them or their reports vis-a-vis OBI (editors). As a result, when data corrections are recommended by OBI, compilation is not always sure if these corrections have the consent of the analyst. It is suggested, therefore, that a representative of OBI brief D/GC Branch Chiefs on the procedures followed in processing any NIS Section, particularly one for which D/GC has prepared maps.

The only major problem facing the Division this month was the inability of the Division to increase capabilities to keep abreast of current requests.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

Two significant problems for the month of July were:

1. The Special Research Branch is concerned about the failure of the Bureau of the Budget to keep the Agency informed concerning a proposal for the re-assignment of responsibilities for U. S. Antarctic operations. The Office of the Comptroller has promised to follow up with Budget on this mission, which is deemed somewhat serious in view of the fact the draft proposal suggests a possible replacement of functions of the Working Group on Antarctica by the NSF Interdepartmental Committee on Antarctic Research. While adequate for the coordination of scientific planning, such a move would not provide a suitable body for consideration of the broader U. S. political and intelligence interests at a time when the international arrangements may be forthcoming from the Antarctic conference that would include the Soviets.

2. Problems of photo reproduction were encountered by the Editing and Review Staff in connection with the revised edition of the Soviet Arctic. Although written instructions were given to use paper suitable for the photos and a request was made to give special attention to them, the quality of the paper used was poorer than average and the reproductions suffered proportionately. The problem has been discussed with reproduction personnel by D/GG editors. Because of the time and expense involved, it was decided not to rerun the report.

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As a possible recommendation the Europe Branch members have been considering the desirability of issuing reports in the form of single map sheets, possibly folded to about legal size. These could consist of a large map in the center of the sheet with text in the margin on either side and small-scale inset maps at top and bottom. The back of the sheet might also be utilized for text and small maps. The GM might take this form when occasion warrants, or a new series might be instituted. The idea was first broached years ago but was dropped. It nevertheless still seems like a good one that the Division might well consider.

Preparatory to submitting specific recommendations to Ch/G just for info the Geography Division is reviewing the workload implications inherent in the request from the Director, Office of Intelligence Resources and Coordination, Department of State, for a study of the territorial and sovereignty problems in the Arctic.